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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND DR. FLETCHER FROM
AMBASSADOR HODGSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA, JA, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. JAMES S. FLETCHER

1. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO JIM FLETCHER'S VISIT BOTH PERSONALLY AND AS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM U.S. INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH JAPAN IN POLITICALLY AND SCIENTIFICALLY IMPORTANT FIELD OF SPACE. IN SPACE, AS IN NUCLEAR ENERGY AND A NUMBER OF OTHER FIELDS, SOME VOICES ARE BEING RAISED IN JAPAN COUNSELING "GO-IT-ALONE" POLICIES, OR GREATLY REDUCED RELIANCE ON AND COOPERATION WITH U.S. BY STRENGTHENING HAND OF THOSE WHO FAVOR CONTINUED CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH U.S. SCIENCE, JIM'S VISIT CAN MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO COUNTERING THIS TREND. I AM CONVINCED THAT IT IS IN U.S. INTEREST TO FOSTER MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RELIANCE BY JAPAN ON U.S. FOR SPACE SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. I RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT U.S. DESIRE TO PRESERVE HARD-WON SPACE LEAD BY PLACING APPROPRIATE CONTROLS ON TYPE AND DEGREE OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED ABROAD. ONE OF BEST WAYS TO DO THIS, IT SEEMS TO ME, IS TO MAKE U.S. LAUNCHING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OTHER NATIONS ON ATTRACTIVE TERMS. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, IN CASE OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN WHICH ARE DETERMINED TO DEVELOP SOME DEGREE OF INDEPENDENT SPACE CAPABILITY, SELECTIVE ACCESS TO SOME U.S. TECHNOLOGY WILL NOT BE
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ADVERSE TO U.S. INTERESTS.

3. TO ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE OF FOSTERING CLOSE U.S.- JAPAN SPACE TIES, JIM'S VISIT SHOULD HAVE MOST AFFIRMATIVE TONE WE CAN GIVE IT WITHIN LIMITS SET BY U.S. POLICY. BY FAR MOST EFFECTIVE SINGLE FEATURE OF VISIT WOULD BE SIGNATURE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING UNDER WHICH WE WILL LAUNCH JAPANESE SATELLITES. THIS WOULD MUTE CALLS OF THOSE WHO COUNSEL EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE LAUNCHING CAPABILITY. I AM AWARE THAT TWO ISSUES HAVE BEEN RAISED BY JAPANESE, AND URGE FLEXIBILITY BY US IN RESOLVING THEM TO ALLOW MEMORANDUM TO BE SIGNED BY JIM WHILE HERE.

4. ANOTHER AFFIRMATIVE STEP, WHICH I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE IN ANY EVENT, IS EXPORT LICENSE APPROVAL BY OMC OF JAPANESE REQUEST FOR STRAP-ON BOOSTER TECHNOLOGY. JAPANESE ARE OBVIOUSLY ATTACHING GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS APPROVAL. I UNDERSTAND WE INITIALLY TOOK A POSITION ON THIS REQUEST WHICH COULD BE CRITICIZED AS BEING AT SOME VARIANCE WITH OUR 1969 SPACE AGREEMENT. I URGE WE DEPART FROM THIS INITIAL POSITION AND APPROVE THIS REQUEST IN TIME FOR JIM TO BE ABLE TO NOTIFY JAPANESE SPACE AUTHORITIES OF THIS DURING HIS VISIT.
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